paroxysm of energy, but by orderly,
unending *growth,* by
the graduated operations of the law of
evolution which
must have started trillions and trillions of
years ago and
which involved and involves a long scries of
processes by
which successive stages of development
have been reached
from the simple to the more complex, does
the Supremo
Being convert Himself into this wonderful,
variegated
world of sentient and insentient objects.
From him was first born the inorganic
universe, not
" *the illusory, imaginary, unreal", but* the
solid, substantial.
real universe—a universe of stupendous
scene of intelligible
relations, wonderful adaptations and
adjustments, in which
each object in space and each event in time
could be under-
stood only in the light of the whole of which
it forms a part-—
a universe of space peopled by millions and
millions of
heavenly bodies—countless systems
profusely scattered at
enormous distances over an immense void
and so arranged
and distributed in relation to one another
and in accordance
with the requirements of the profoundcst
mathematics as
to secure the safety of one and all; glorious
galaxies of
suns, planets, satellites, comets—quietly,
submissively, though

mechanically yet majestically, moving and rushing in mar-
vellous harmony and with unerring precision, without clash
or conflict, in their appointed-orbits, to the march of celestial
music, in strict obedience to the hidden system of eternal
laws implanted in them.
From Him was next born the whole organic nature
which shines in His Divine radiance with all the charm and
beauty of, the vegetable kingdom and acts in conformity
with His ordinances. From Him next came the denizens
of the animal kingdom from the tiniest worm to the
towering elephant endowed with consciousness. All these
act instinctively in harmony with His laws,—
laws cxlii biting
a unity which is characterised by an admirable correlation
of structure to environment and of organ to function, by the